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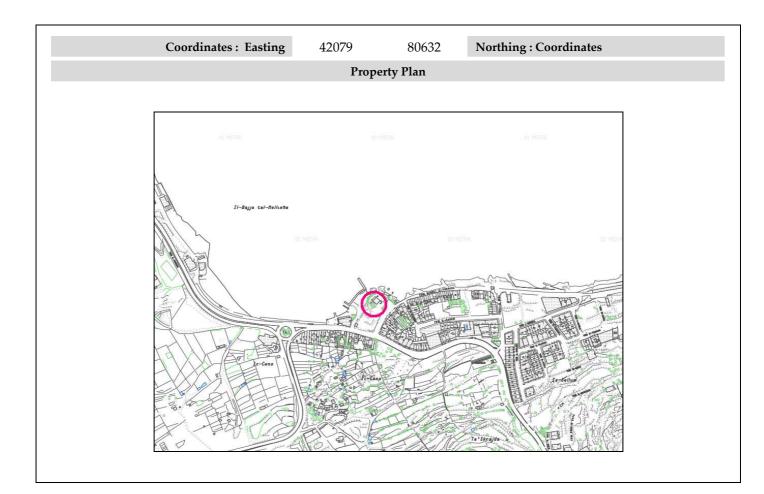
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Property Name	Westreme Battery				
Address	Triq Dawret it-Tunnara				
Town Name	Mellieħa Toponym - Local Council Mellieħa				
Property Owner	Government	Managing Bod	y Mellieħa Local C	Council	
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Period	Modern (18th Century)				
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (18th Century)				
	Historical Cultural Heritage				
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural		Property Value	Outstanding	
			Assessment		
Property Function	Fortification		Conservation Area	SGA	
Outline Description	Coastal Battery				
Property Description	Also known as ir-Rasus or Mellieha Right Battery, Westreme Battery is one of				
	the coastal works of fortification erected by the Knights in 1715/16. The structure				
	originally consisted of a semi-circular gun platform, partly ringed off by a				
	parapet (with five embrasures) and partly left <i>en barbette</i> , with its gorge occupied by a diagonally placed squarish blockhouse flanked by two screening walls, one				
	of which contained a small entrance. The faces of the blockhouse were pierced by				
	musketry loopholes allowing it to serve as a redoubt. Only the blockhouse has				
	survived, while some traces of the rock hewn base of the battery can still be seen				
	in places. The blockhouse was also converted into a beachpost in WWII, with rectangular machine gun portholes cut into its parapets near the corners. A				
	concrete WWII beach post was also built along the shore near the battery with its				
	searchlight emplacement placed near the blockhouse itself.				
Scheduled by MEPA	Yes Degree	of Protection	Grade 1 G.N. No	. 729 G.N. Date 1995	
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